

**Introduced by Senator Lowenthal**

February 21, 2007

---

An act to amend Sections 21455.7 and 21461 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 432, as introduced, Lowenthal. Vehicles: traffic control.

(1) Existing law requires at an intersection at which there is an automated enforcement system in operation, the minimum yellow light change interval be established in accordance with the Traffic Manual of the Department of Transportation.

This bill would require that at an intersection at which there is an automated enforcement system in operation, the minimum yellow light change interval would be established in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

(2) Existing law makes it a crime for a driver to fail to obey a sign or signal, defined as regulatory in the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, or a Department of Transportation approved supplement to that manual, of a regulatory nature erected or maintained to enhance traffic safety and operations or to indicate and carry out the provisions of the Vehicle Code, a local traffic ordinance, or a resolution adopted pursuant to a local traffic ordinance, or to fail to obey a device erected or maintained by lawful authority of a public body or official.

This bill would substitute the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices or a Department of Transportation approved supplement to that manual as the source defining a sign or signal as regulatory.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 21455.7 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 21455.7. (a) At an intersection at which there is an automated  
4 enforcement system in operation, the minimum yellow light change  
5 interval shall be established in accordance with the ~~Traffic Manual~~  
6 ~~of the Department of Transportation~~ *California Manual on Uniform*  
7 *Traffic Control Devices*.

8 (b) For purposes of subdivision (a), the minimum yellow light  
9 change intervals relating to designated approach speeds provided  
10 in the ~~Traffic Manual of the Department of Transportation~~  
11 *California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* are  
12 mandatory minimum yellow light intervals.

13 (c) A yellow light change interval may exceed the minimum  
14 interval established pursuant to subdivision (a).

15 SEC. 2. Section 21461 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

16 21461. (a) It is unlawful for a driver of a vehicle to fail to obey  
17 a sign or signal, defined as regulatory in the ~~federal Manual on~~  
18 ~~Uniform Traffic Control Devices, or a Department of~~  
19 ~~Transportation approved supplement to that manual~~ *California*  
20 *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, of a regulatory nature  
21 erected or maintained to enhance traffic safety and operations or  
22 to indicate and carry out the provisions of this code or a local traffic  
23 ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to a local traffic  
24 ordinance, or to fail to obey a device erected or maintained by  
25 lawful authority of a public body or official.

26 (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to acts constituting violations  
27 under Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 22500) of this division  
28 or to acts constituting violations of a local traffic ordinance adopted  
29 pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 22500).